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Heil gets better ratings than Super Bowl: CTV

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TV More Canadians watched Jennifer Heil win Canada's first medal at the Vancouver Olympics than the Super Bowl, according to CTV.

The host broadcaster said Saturday night's ladies moguls final at Whistler Mountain averaged 6.6 million viewers, with the audience peaking at eight million in the final minute.

The New Orleans Saint's Super Bowl win over Indianapolis earlier this month drew an audience of 6,017,000 on CTV.

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Alexandre Bilodeau celebrates his gold medal win at the men's mogul at Cypress Mountain in Vancouver, B.C., at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games yesterday.

Bilodeau brings home gold, makes history

Canada's Olympic gold medal drought at home is finally over.

Freestyle skier Alexandre Bilodeau has won the men's moguls at the Vancouver Olympics.

The 22-year-old from Rosemere, Que., wrote himself into the history books by overtaking defending champion Dale Begg-Smith — a Canadian-born skier who now competes for Australia.

It's the first time Canada has won a gold medal at its own Games. Canada failed to make it to the top of the podium in Montreal in 1976 and Calgary in 1988.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

"The party's just starting for Canada," Bilodeau told CTV.

Skiing second from last, Bilodeau blew past Begg-Smith to take the lead with 26.75 points.

Begg-Smith, the current World Cup leader, settled for silver with 26.58 points. American Bryon Wilson was third with 26.08.

Fans chanted "Canada! Canada!" as the gold medal went down to the wire at Cypress Mountain. Bilodeau's father and older brother Frederic, who has cerebral palsy, were in the stands as he made history.

After the win, an emotional Bilodeau called brother Frederic "my inspiration." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bouncing baby boy coming for Smitherman and partner

ADOPTION Openly gay Toronto mayoral candidate and former Ontario cabinet minister George Smitherman is a big step closer to adopting a baby boy.

The Toronto Children's Aid Society has granted Smitherman and his husband, Christopher Peloso, "approval in principle" to adopt, Smitherman said in a press release yesterday.

"Christopher and I are very proud to share the news," he said.

"Despite our overwhelming joy at the prospect of being parents to a beautiful baby boy, we must ask for your complete co-operation in respecting our privacy and the important legal process that governs our potential adoption."

Smitherman said it takes a minimum of six months for an adoption to be finalized.

The adoption isn't official until the new parents and child have gotten to know each other and authorities have determined the child's needs are being met.

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EDUCATION A new mentoring and tutoring program in Scarborough Village hopes to encourage eligible students to stay in school by paying a $1,000 tuition scholarship for every high school grade they pass. Pathways to Education's formula of free tutoring, free mentoring, free bus tickets to school and the tuition scholarship has driven down dropout rates in three of the most troubled corners of Toronto — Regent Park, Lawrence Heights and Rexdale's Jamestown — as well as in Ottawa, Montreal and Kitchener.

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Couples rally for IVF

Group chooses Family Day to push for OHIP coverage of treatment

A group representing more than 1,100 Ontario couples who need help conceiving a child plan to rally outside the legislature today, the second annual Family Day holiday, to demand provincial funding for in vitro fertilization treatments.

The Liberal government has commissioned two in-depth studies of the issue, both of which recommended the Ontario Health Insurance Plan cover the IVF treatments, which can cost up to $10,000 per cycle, said Joanne Horibe, co-founder of Conceivable Dreams.

"Infertility is a serious medical condition with huge economic, social and personal consequences," Horibe told the legislature's finance committee during recent pre-budget hearings.

"One in six Ontario couples struggles with infertility."

In vitro fertilization is one of the safest and most effective infertility treatments, said Horibe.

"It can control the number of embryos implanted, and therefore ensure that one healthy baby is delivered at a time," she said.

"Many Ontarians could conceive through the use of IVF, but the cost is beyond the financial reach of most families."

Many couples undergo three rounds of IVF treatment, at a total cost of about $30,000, said Horibe, who postponed her own wedding to save money for the treatments.

"Many Ontarians could conceive through the use of IVF, but the cost is beyond the financial reach of most families."
Joanne Horibe, Conceivable Dreams

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Markham residents support food belt

DEVELOPMENT A large majority of Markham residents have concerns about urban sprawl, traffic congestion and growth issues and would support a food belt instead of the expansion of the city's urban boundary on to prime agricultural land, a new poll shows.

The poll, conducted by Pollara for the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance, shows that while almost 20 per cent of residents are unaware of the food belt proposal, 83 per cent supported it when the idea was explained to them.

"That support has always been there and it's growing because people are sick and tired of seeing farmland being paved over, seeing their roads clogged," said Coun. Erin Shapero who, along with Coun. Valerie Burke, has been leading the push for a freeze on the city's boundaries — a prerequisite for the food belt.

"People are ... tired of seeing farmland being paved over."
Coun. Erin Shapero

The poll of 500 residents was based on a six-minute telephone interview and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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Victim arrested after attacker sentenced

NEWMARKET Emotions erupted in the Newmarket courthouse Friday as a Sutton man was sentenced to two years less a day in jail for a racist attack on Asian anglers, and one of the victims — upset at the light sentence — wound up handcuffed and arrested.

Justice Alfred Stong found that Trevor Middleton, 23, was motivated partly by racism when he and three truckloads of Georgina Township youths shoved Ruohang Liu, 24, and Charles Hogan, 24, into Lake Simcoe early in the morning of Sept. 16, 2007, in the type of attack some locals referred to as "Nip-" or "Nipper-tipping." One of their friends was left with permanent brain damage in the attack.

Loud sighs, sobs and swearing were heard in the packed courtroom after the judge read his sentence, which also included three years' probation, a 10-year driving ban and an order for Middleton to take cultural sensitivity training.

"There is no justice in Canada," an Asian-Canadian man shouted in the hallway of the courthouse.

Liu was handcuffed and arrested by police after the armrest of a courthouse chair was thrown at a hallway window, shattering it. Police did not immediately comment on whether he had been charged.

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Carnaval **Dance the winter away**

JESSICA DARZINSKAS/TOP NEWS

The Brazilian community kicked off Carnaval Brasil 2010 in Toronto at the Ukrainian Hall near the Christie subway station on Saturday. More than 2,000 revellers lit up the dance floor with a kaleidoscope of costumes and a spirited vibe.

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Animal owners back bill outlawing no-pet rules

The fur is set to fly in Manitoba over whether landlords should be forced to accept tenants with pets. Animal owners are lining up behind an opposition bill that, if passed into law, would outlaw no-pet rules at rental properties across the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

COLLAPSE Emergency crews say everyone is accounted for and OK after a partial roof collapse at a suburban Pittsburgh ice rink where a youth hockey tournament involving Canadian and U.S. teams. was taking place. One of the teams is the Ajax Knights Tyke White team, made up of young children.

VOTING Elections Canada must make its polling sites accessible to people with disabilities, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal says. The tribunal issued its ruling Friday, in response to a complaint from a physically disabled Toronto man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Olympics **Vancouver vandalism**

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More than 200 masked protesters smashed windows where official Olympic clothing was on display, splashed red paint, vandalized cars and newspaper boxes and intimidated pedestrians in downtown Vancouver Saturday before being confronted and dispersed by police in riot gear.

Criminals use Nexus cards?

Canada's border agency has been waving through travellers at entry points even though it has information some may be working for organized crime, an internal report suggests.

The agency, which gets its intelligence from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, is doing so because it is worried about court challenges that may force it to reveal secret sources.

This so-called "front-end intelligence information gap" affects thousands of travellers enrolled in programs that allow them to skip long queues by flashing a card giving quick entry into Canada.

Nexus

- Nexus cards, introduced in 2000, now are carried by more than 172,000 Canadian travellers.

The Nexus and FAST cards were designed to speed passage of low-risk, pre-approved business people and truckers, allowing border guards to focus on higher risk travellers and goods. But some of Canada's border guards have been skeptical of the cards, fearing they've become a "licence to smuggle."

The guards have caught too many card-holders trying to smuggle goods into Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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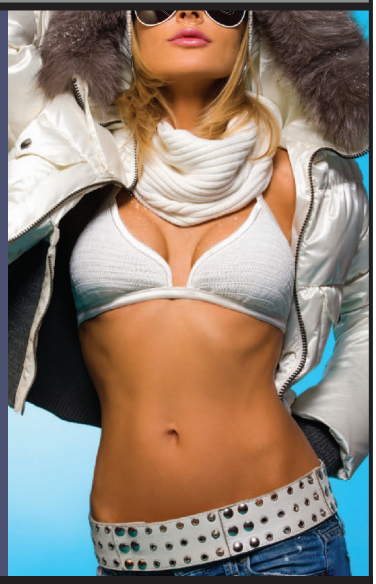

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12 civilians die in Afghan battle

Twelve Afghans died yesterday when two rockets fired at insurgents missed their target and struck a house during the second day of NATO's most ambitious effort yet to break the militants' grip on the country's dangerous south.

In the town of Marjah, the focal point of the operation, Marines and Afghan troops battled through sniper fire and an afternoon sandstorm yesterday that cut down their visibility to a few feet.

They tried to advance through the town, clearing houses one-by-one of explosives. But gunfire forced them numerous times to take cover in mud-brick compounds that they hadn't yet cleared of booby-traps.

NATO said two rockets from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System were aimed at insurgents firing on Afghan and NATO forces, but struck 300 metres off their intended target. The rockets struck a house, killing 12 civilians, NATO said.

The civilian deaths were a blow to NATO and the Afghan government's attempts to win the allegiance of Afghans and get them to turn away from the insurgents.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, said he had apologized to Afghan President Hamid Karzai for the accident and had suspended use of the rocket system until it can be reviewed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian forces

- Canadian forces had been warned the fields of Marjah would be strewn with makeshift bombs. Pockets of armed insurgents were supposed to be everywhere, fingers curled around their triggers. But no one stepped on any bombs. No one fired any gunshots. Success. At least by the Canadian military's standards. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pope to hear of sex abuse at summit

VATICAN Irish bishops will give an accounting to Pope Benedict of what they knew about decades of sexual abuse by clergy, a participant said yesterday, but no one is expected to resign during the Vatican's extraordinary summit over the scandal. Last year, an investigation revealed that church leaders in Dublin had spent decades protecting child-abusing priests from the law while fellow clerics turned a blind eye. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese New Year **Eye of the Tiger**

VINCENT THIAN/AP PHOTO

Worshippers light incense at the Yonghe Gong (Lama Temple) on the first day of the Chinese New Year in Beijing, China, yesterday. Millions of Chinese celebrate the Lunar New Year of the Tiger that began yesterday.

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Can TTC glean tips from GO?

In early 2008 many GO Transit riders became upset with winter delays, poor communication and an impending fare hike. Almost two years before the current TTC passenger revolt, GO's "perfect storm" was focused in a petition of 10,000 virtual signatures.

The uproar was less widespread compared to what's been hitting the TTC, and in 2008 GO downplayed the fuss.

However, a lot changed behind the scenes, including shake-ups in senior management.

Last year GO merged with the provincial planning agency Metrolinx.

Mary Proc became GO's vice-president for customer service — a new position. She says the 2008 petition was a wake-up call and an orientation toward customers is now "actually built into the job deliverables of every executive at GO."

She says, "There will be very significant improvements that the public begins to see over the next year."

The commuter agency is not saying much in advance, but look for more communication enhancements, some service increases as well as changes in operating procedures to address passenger peeves. New ticket vending machines are coming (I find the current ones user-unfriendly) and GO recently instituted a policy that almost eliminated complaints from riders bypassed at bus stops.

Although not officially announced, you can find GO Transit directions using Google Maps. TTC is testing its own trip planner that does not yet work on Google.

Metrolinx CEO Rob Prichard reiterates the transit system has made customer service a top priority, relying on private sector experts for advice as well as an advisory committee made up of riders.

Mary Proc reports overall satisfaction levels in the 80 per cent range, adding GO will survey its clientele more often than it used to.

One of the persistent complaints I hear from both TTC and GO riders is how each agency responds to complaints.

After getting response time down from 15 days to under four, GO is now studying the quality of these answers. For me, the key problems are formulaic replies, failing to understand complaints and local accountability during both small and large construction projects.

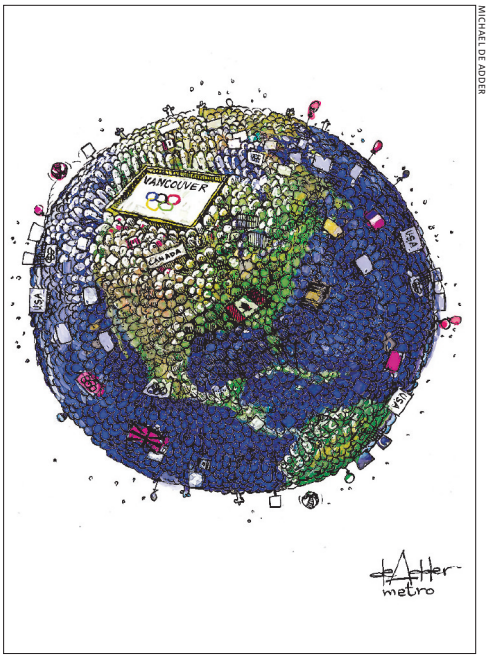
The TTC is even more out of touch. Complaints are received, but riders may never hear back in a meaningful way.

And yet give the TTC credit: The commission will this week debate a passenger "charter of rights." It's years overdue, but other GTA transit agencies should take note.

Quick tip

• Metrolinx is to vote this Friday on a GO Transit fare hike. One-way fares are set to increase by 25 cents – way ahead of inflation. See the anti-hike petition at tr.im/gofares.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.



Views

Perfectly patient parenting advice

It is my belief that most of us head into making major life decisions without a clue of the hazards that lie ahead. This accounts for why we still have things like home renovations and dating.

I thought of this yesterday as I lunched with my friend, Katherine, who is expecting her first child. Katherine is an intelligent, reasonable woman who has nevertheless been known to say things like, "Any child will eat vegetables if they're cooked properly." Our conversation went like this:

Katherine: I'm so glad I waited until I was over 30 to have children. Now I really know what I'm getting into.

Me: Uh...hmmm...

Katherine: I'm not having drugs at the birth. You can breathe through the pain.

Me: (unattractive noise as I pass salad through my nose)

It occurred to me that I have something to offer my friend, to help her with the challenges of parenting I know lie ahead. So here's my list of Things I Wish I'd Known Sooner, But I Still Would Have Had Kids ... I'm Almost Sure.

• Children learn and grow according to a very strict schedule. Their own.

• Any parenting lesson you learn with your first child will be entirely inapplicable to your second child, who will be a completely different person.

• The key to successful parenting is a ton of love, support and encouragement. Make sure you're getting enough.

• With care and hard work, there will come a point when you'll know exactly how to handle the stage your child is at. This will usually occur exactly 15 seconds before they enter the next one.

• There is one foolproof way to keep your kid from whining in the grocery store checkout line: Leave them at home.

• When you find yourself, at Kinderswim, at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, shivering in your community pool and trying to coax a screaming toddler off the deck and into the water, what you need to remember is this: No nominee for a Nobel Prize or candidate for prime minister ever lost or won the race based on whether or not they were prepared to put their face in the water.

• Children are not as smart as those parenting books make them out to be. They're way, way smarter.

• There is only one thing that has ever kept me from being a perfectly organized, perfectly patient, perfectly wise parent: Being human.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Worth mentioning

Survey says give consumers what they want: Go green

SUSTAINABILITY More Canadians want healthier options in foods and beverages and they also want companies to be more environmentally accountable, a new survey indicates.

The recession has also affected how Canadians shop, with the result that more people are buying products and eating at home, the research showed.

Conducted by BrandSpark, the seventh annual survey involved more than 25,000 Canadian consumers and uncovered key findings in areas of the environment, a desire for healthier options in food and beverages and an increase in purchases of private label and in-store brands versus premium and name brands.

The study is used to compile the winners of the 2010 Best New Product Awards.

Known as The People's Choice Awards for consumer products, the competition gauges habits and trends among Canadian consumers.

"The awards not only provide us with valuable insights about current products and innovations, but also larger movements and approaches toward what they purchase, and more importantly, why," says Robert Levy, president of BrandSpark International and founder of the awards.

The survey also found that Canadians want environmental accountability.

"Consumers are demanding companies to be more accountable in terms of their environmental claims, and they are willing to pay for products with realistic and tangible claims such as reduced packaging," he said.

In terms of healthier options in food and beverages, consumers want products with added health benefits and they are willing to pay more for products that will help prevent illness, he says.

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Customer service Toyota's priority, says executive

Toyota group vice-president Bob Carter said customer service is the priority for the world's No. 1 automaker during its ongoing recall problems, and the company is undergoing a top-to-bottom review of its quality control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Business group ships aid supplies to Haiti

A group of Canadian businesses are cutting through government red tape by pooling their resources to organize a private shipment of more than $2 million worth of aid supplies into Haiti.

The shipment aid is being organized by GlobalMedic, a Toronto-based agency staffed by disaster relief experts and paramedics who were fully operational and providing medical care in Haiti three days after the quake hit.

"The red tape is easy to cut through if you just do it," said GlobalMedic's Rahul Singh.

The supplies will be packed today on a plane at a Skyservice Airlines' hanger on Derry Road. The plane will fly into Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, and the supplies will be trucked into Haiti.

Major contributors include Alveda Pharma Inc., which is sending more than $1 million worth of medications. Cummins Eastern Canada LP is sending 11 generators with the plane, and the company is donating 38 in total to various aid organizations. Procter & Gamble Co. is sending supplies to purify water and Viva Solar Inc. is sending hand-held crank flashlights.

Mississauga-based company CS World Cargo 2000 Ltd. is donating warehouse space for the supplies, providing free trucking services and shipping in aid items from other countries to Canada.

As of 5 p.m. on Thursday, Canandians had donated more than $145 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, matched by the federal government.

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Ports closed over shrimp quota issue

DISPUTE Canada is closing its ports to fishing boats from the Faroe Islands and Greenland because of their refusal to accept internationally set shrimp quotas, Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea announced yesterday. The ban takes effect today.

"We have acted in good faith for several years to try to resolve this issue, to no avail," said Shea.

The Danish territories have unilaterally set a quota of 3,101 tonnes, almost 10 times greater than their NAFO quota in international waters.

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Sudbury now copes better with strikes

ECONOMY Three decades ago, a nine-month miners' strike in Sudbury devastated the northern Ontario city's economy and drove home the perils of being a one-industry town.Today, more than 3,000 employees of nickel miner Vale Inco are approaching their seventh month on strike with no end in sight. However, the city is coping, thanks to a concerted attempt at economic diversification.

Inco is still the largest private-sector employer in Sudbury, but the city's effort to become a regional centre for various public services has rewarded it with a far more stable economy.

Today, the city prides itself on being a northeastern Ontario hub for health care, education and government.

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As competition looms from credit card companies, Interac has its request to become a for-profit business shot down. Scan this code for the story.

$1.5M boat **Ready for summer**

LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Models toss a beach ball as they sit on the back of a 50-foot powerboat named the 50 Passion, made by Statement Marine, at the Miami International Boat Show in Miami Beach, Fla. yesterday. The boat features an air cushioned cockpit, helicopter turbine engines, speeds of up 180 mph, and sells for $1.5 million.

Sluggish market could prompt profit-taking

SLOW It could be a grind on the Toronto stock market this week with little in the way of market moving data, while investors deal with concerns about sovereign debt and the latest move by China to slow down its vibrant economy. The market is looking tired after charging ahead about 31 per cent last year and much more than that from the lows of March, making taking some profits an attractive alternative.

"The second year of a bull market off of a big bear market low is always kind of iffy," observed John Johnston, chief strategist at the Harbour Group at RBC Dominion Securities.

The TSX closed 2.19 per cent higher last week, with most of the gain coming in the wake of a vow by the European Union to stand beside Greece as the country deals with a debt crisis.

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BP getting into oilsands business

SALE British oil major BP Plc is in talks to pay about $1.2 billion for a majority stake in a privately held Canadian company with large reserves of oil-rich sand deposits, the Sunday Times reports. A deal for a stake in Value Creation Inc. could anger environmentalists and some BP shareholders who oppose the oil sands business, the paper said.

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Show times and dates
The 2010 Canadian International Auto Show continues at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre till Sunday, Feb. 21. Daily hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and final day from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit autoshow.ca for more information. METRO NEWS SERVICES

2010 Auto Show

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Kids with drive

Scarborough students tech champs

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

It used to be that a mechanic's toolbox held little more than wrenches and screwdrivers. Today, technicians require a high level of skill to diagnose and repair the complex systems found on new cars, using techniques and tools that simply weren't available to mechanics in the past.

It's that type of high-tech skill that's helping to send two 17-year-old Scarborough students to New York City in April, representing Canada at the National Automotive Technology Competition. John Gonsalves and James Ryan Bachiller took the first-place honours over 19 other teams at the 11th annual Toronto Automotive Technology Competition, held Feb. 11 prior to the opening of the 2010 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

"They're so committed," says Isaac Ozah, their teacher at Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School. "They worked so hard on this, even on Saturdays, to get more training. My other students took eighth and tenth positions, too."

During the competition, the 20 teams had 80 minutes to diagnose and repair ten brand-new Volkswagen Beetles that had been rigged with identical operating problems by automotive technician instructors from Centennial College so the cars wouldn't start.

"It was a tough day," says Bachiller, who wants to be an automotive service technician and also get into pro drifting.

"We've stayed at school until seven o'clock at night practising, figuring out problems, why a car runs rough, and we put what we learned into practice here."

Second place went to Cameron Elpkick and Tauriq Shaikh of Danforth Tech, while Jonathan Bagni and Michael Mallette of Central Tech finished third. The top two schools will each receive a new GM vehicle, courtesy of the automaker, to be used as a teaching tool.

The competition is important for the students, but it's also a chance for schools to highlight their auto programs. The auto trade isn't always considered a glamorous job, and experts predict a shortage of trained technicians as students choose other career paths.

Gonsalves has always planned for this. "My goal is to become a fully licensed auto mechanic," he says. "My brother is going for his level-two mechanic and I'm trying to follow him, because we'd like to open our own shop down the road."

Last year's winners, a team from Northview Heights Secondary School, placed second in New York, while in 2008, a Central Tech team took home the top prize.

JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO CANADA

Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School students John Gonsalves, left, and James Ryan Bachiller won the National Automotive Technology Competition at the Toronto auto show.

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Toronto auto show's automotive technology competition in progress.

On the web

- Metro writers Jil McIntosh and Michael Goetz give you the lowdown on the Toronto auto show. Visit metronews.ca/blogs to read their rants and raves.

CLARA HUGHES
Olympic & World Champion

Automotive in brief

PRICING Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. has announced pricing for its all-new 2011 Sonata, which made its debut last week at the 2010 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The totally redesigned 2011 Sonata offers hundreds of dollars-worth of content with only minor price increases from the previous model year Sonata, and starts at under $23,000. For example, at $22,649, the entry-level Sonata GL — which comes with a six-speed manual transmission — is only $150 more than the base 2010 Sonata. It also offers the only (Gasoline Direct Injection) GDI engine in the direct competitive set — which includes Fusion, Camry, Malibu, Accord, Altima, and Mazda6. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Peace Resolution discussed

A tribute to the Olympic Peace Resolution was feeling the love on Valentine's Day. Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean held an informal "discussion" with athletes from six different countries yesterday at the Whistler athletes' village. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Luge changes leave some unhappy

TRACK Luge medal contender Natalie Geisenberger used her German words — and didn't mince them — yesterday when asked what it's like to run the biggest race of her life from the same start line used by newbies.

"It's not a ladies start. It's a kinderstart (children's start) said the 22-year-old, who, along with teammate Tatjana Huefner, are favourites to win gold when the women's Olympic competition begins today at the Whistler Sliding Centre.

"It's not a ladies start. It's a kinderstart (children's start)." Natalie Geisenberger

"I'm not happy," she said.

"We trained the whole summer and we are strong and fast, and now the fastest sliders are slow. It's not good for us. It's not fun."

The death of Georgian slider Nodar Kumaritashvili on Friday has thrown into disarray the training and race strategies developed over months and even years by all luge teams at the Vancouver Games. In response, officials changed the ice profile on that corner but also ordered athletes to move one start line down for the competition. That meant the men raced for gold yesterday not from the top of the 1,450-metre track, but a fifth of the way down at the ladies start.

The women and men's doubles teams have, in turn, been bumped to a third of the way down, at the start reserved for juniors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'A good start for our team'

Groves kicks things off for long-track speedskaters with bronze

Kristina Groves has put Canada's powerhouse long-track speedskating team on the board at the Winter Olympics.

The Ottawa native raced to a bronze medal in the women's 3,000 metres at the Richmond Olympic Oval yesterday.

She finished in four minutes 4.84 seconds. Czech Martina Sablikova won gold in 4:02.53 while Stephanie Beckert of Germany, who skated with Groves in the second-last pair, captured silver in 4:04.62.

Widely considered the top women's distance skater, Sablikova has won three World Cup golds this year.

The 3,000 was the 33-year-old Groves' first of five events at the Games.

Privately, long-track team officials feel the Canadians can claim up to nine medals at these Olympics. Most of their medals are likely to come in events scheduled for later in the week.

"If this helps the team get some good spirit and to give them some extra motivation, I'm really happy to be able to do that," Groves said. "It's a good start for our team. We have an incredibly strong team and lots of good races and good competitors coming up so I think it'll be great."

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Kristina Groves skates to a bronze medal finish in the women's 3000 meter long-track speedskating final at the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games in Richmond, B.C,. yesterday.

The competition was delayed for several minutes when the ice resurfacing machine leaked water on the track. That didn't seem to take the edge off of an enthusiastic pro-Canadian crowd at the Richmond Oval.

"When I was sitting to put my skates on, (teammate Cindy Klassen) was just starting her race and they announced her pair and they announced her and it just gave me goosebumps just listening to the crowd," Groves said. "I've never really experienced that crowd that loud for Canada. I've raced in all places where it's been that loud, but never for Canada, so that was really wonderful. It was deafening, just deafening."

Groves had a strong start and was on pace for gold at the 1,400-metre mark, some .22 seconds ahead of Sablikova. But as the race went into its second half she began to lose time and eventually finished 2.31 seconds behind the Czech winner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Weather not co-operating with Games

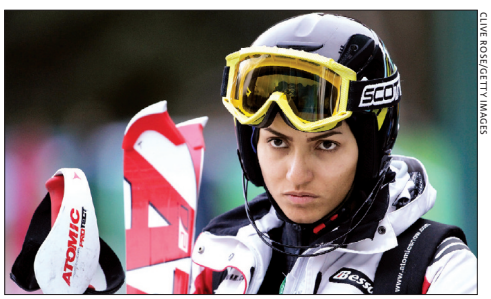
RAIN The Olympic motto: Faster. Higher. Stronger. But for the Vancouver Games it could very well be: Foggy. Rainy. Slushy.

As the 2010 Games roll into the first full week of competition, organizers, athletes and fans are anxiously watching the sky and the thermometer.

Along the Whistler Village Stroll, puddle-jumping has replaced ski-jumping as a spectator's sport. The alpine community was deluged with rain over the weekend.

Women's downhill ski training was cancelled once again, as was the super combined race yesterday after a day of heavy rain and snow at the Creekside venue.

In the nearby Callaghan Valley where the nordic, biathlon, nordic combined and ski jumping events are held, the snow is packed down but high humidity has made the course slippery.



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Marjan Kalhor of Iran during the cancelled alpine skiing womens downhill training at Whistler Creek yesterday.

Skiers have faced huge fluctuations in training, mostly because of the unusually warm weather.

"Conditions here are hard, they're changing all the time," said Canadian cross-country skier George Grey, who added the team is used to wet and warm conditions on the European circuit.

The forecast for Whistler this week predicts mostly sunny skies, but the daytime high is expected in the range of 4 C — that's on the plus side, not the average –3 C skiers and partiers have come to expect at this time of year.

In Vancouver, it's not much better, where the weather for the coming week is positively balmy with a predicted high of 14 C.

Organizers remained positive, despite the rising mercury, and pointed to the successful women's mogul event Saturday night, where Canadian Jenn Heil took home the silver.

"So Mother Nature is starting to smile on us and we're confident that the alpine events will go ahead," said Renee Smith-Valade, VANOC's vice-president of communications, at the daily briefing yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MedalCount

RANK	NATION				TOTAL
	U.S.	1	2	3	6
	Germany	1	3	0	4
	France	2	0	1	3
	Canada	1	1	1	3
	South Korea	1	1	0	2
	Italy	0	0	2	2
	Czech Republic	1	0	0	1
	Netherlands	1	0	0	1
	Slovakia	1	0	0	1
	Switzerland	1	0	0	1
	Australia	0	1	0	1
	Norway	0	1	0	1
	Poland	0	1	0	1
	Austria	0	0	1	1
	Croatia	0	0	1	1

Father won't watch video of son's death on luge track

GEORGIA The father of a Georgian luger killed during training before the Vancouver Olympics said he won't watch video footage of his son's death.

Nodar Kumaritashvili died after he slammed into an unpadded steel pole having slipped off the course while travelling at nearly 145 km/h in a training run Friday.

Kumaritashvili's father, David, said he won't watch the accident and that organizers shouldn't have used the lightning-fast course. "I can't and I won't see the footage of my son's last minutes," said David Kumaritashvili, his voice overcome by emotion. "The course was bad. They shouldn't have built the track allowing such a speed. It was a serious mistake."

Nodar Kumaritashvili

The death has cast a shadow over the games and left the former Soviet republic in mourning. Ramaz Goglidze, vice-president of the Georgian Olympic Federation, said in a telephone interview that the team was in shock.

"We have felt a terrible pain but decided to stay despite that terrible tragedy," Goglidze said. "I think Nodar Kumaritashvili would have approved our decision." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pair of skiiers slapped with 5-day ban

An Estonian cross-country skier and a Russian Nordic combined competitor have been prohibited from competing for five days at the Vancouver Olympics after pre-games tests detected too-high hemoglobin levels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welcomed with open arms

Fans aren't the only ones anticipating the arrival of Canada's NHLers

Sidney Crosby and company are moving into the athletes village, and Canada's Olympians can't wait for their new neighbours to arrive.

"I'll walk up to Crosby and say 'Hey man, you're awesome.' And he'll be like 'Who are you?'" said Calgary luger Jeff Christie.

Canada's men's hockey team arrived throughout the day yesterday. After a single day of practice together, Canada opens the highly anticipated Olympic men's hockey tournament tomorrow versus Norway.

Sidney Crosby

The 22-year-old Crosby, from Cole Harbour, N.S., is captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins and the most recognizable face in the NHL along with Russian forward Alex Ovechkin. Crosby's name pops up constantly when Canada's athletes talk about the hockey players' arrival.

"I just would like to know how he deals with certain situations, like the Stanley Cup," said Toronto figure skater Patrick Chan, a medal contender in his own right. "That's probably the equivalent of the Olympics. I think he's really wise and he's young like I am, so he's kind of in the same situation."

Calgary curler Cheryl Bernard said she and her teammates anticipate sitting across the table from them in the dining hall.

"I'm a little concerned that our team is going to get a reputation for being stalkers of the men's hockey team," she said.

Crosby, Chris Pronger, Scott Niedermayer, Martin Brodeur and the rest will be part of the greater Canadian Olympic team, but their fame in this country sets them apart from athletes like Christie, Chan and Bernard.

Most of Canada's Olympians could walk down any street in the country and not get a second look. There isn't one player on the men's hockey team who could avoid requests to sign a piece of paper, hat, shirt or part of someone's anatomy.

"It does feel different," said short-track speedskater Francois-Louis Tremblay of Montreal. "They are superstars while we are people walking the street and pretty much nobody recognizes us."

The athletes acknowledge that Canada's hockey players get a disproportionate amount of attention at the Olympics, but they don't seem to resent it.

"It's part of our culture and part of being a Canadian," said Edmonton bobsleigh pilot Pierre Lueders. "We've got the best players in the world. It's justified."

Long-track speedskater Kristina Groves points out that speedskaters receive the same treatment in the Netherlands that NHL players do in Canada because the Dutch are as passionate about that sport as Canadians are about hockey.

"People want us to win hockey gold. I feel bad for those guys because they're the ones that have the most pressure of anyone."
Kristina Groves, speedskater

"People want us to win hockey gold," she said.

"I feel bad for those guys because they're the ones that have the most pressure of anyone. Can you imagine? They are pretty good at dealing with it because they are under pressure a lot of the time."

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Biathlon **Gold goes to France**

JENS MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vincent Jay of France on his way to win the gold medal of the men's biathlon 10 km sprint event at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Whistler, B.C., yesterday.

Olympic hopeful Getzlaf has big night in Edmonton

INJURY Ryan Getzlaf made a strong case to keep his spot with Team Canada at the Winter Games last night.

The Ducks forward scored twice and added two assists in his first game back from a sprained left ankle as Anaheim beat the Edmonton Oilers 7-3.

Getzlaf's four-point night is good news for Canada's men's Olympic hockey team. Philadelphia Flyers forward Jeff Carter is in Vancouver in case Getzlaf doesn't pass a medical evaluation.

Previously, Getzlaf had only been able to practise lightly on his ankle and sat out Saturday night's game at Calgary.

Roster changes for Team Canada aren't allowed once the 23-man list is handed to Olympic officials today by 3 p.m.

Canada's coach Mike Babcock said the team is very excited that the tournament is about to begin.

"We think we have an opportunity," he said.

"I don't know what else you could ask for — the Olympics are in your home country, obviously Vancouver is a beautiful, beautiful city. We get to show off how proud Canadians are and what a great place we have. And we get to show off how good we are at hockey."

Los Angeles defenceman Drew Doughty touched down at Vancouver International Airport yesterday morning and was the first of the 23 players to arrive.

"When I got on that flight this morning, it really started to set in and I got really excited to be here," said Doughty, who was greeted by a group of reporters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sidney's scare

- Pittsburgh Penguins and Team Canada star Sidney Crosby said he was unhurt and headed to Vancouver for the Olympic tournament despite wincing in pain shortly after he took a slapshot in Pittsburgh's loss to Nashville yesterday. "I will be there," Crosby said after the 4-3 shootout loss. "I'm on the flight tonight," he said. Crosby spent several minutes on the bench with his head down after blocking a Kevin Klein slapshot in the second period.

Women's win evokes talk of mercy rule

HOCKEY The Canadian women's hockey team is one game into the Olympics and already Games organizers are fielding questions about a mercy rule.

Canada opened its Vancouver Games account with an 18-0 thumping of Slovakia on Saturday. Yesterday, questions about the lopsided score were raised at the daily IOC-VANOC joint briefing.

IOC director of communications Mark Adams said the issue was not raised between the two organizations

"Clearly if you're on the losing side of a hiding, it's never much fun," said the Briton, who watched the game.

"But I'm sure they had a great experience and I'm sure they're thankful to be Olympians.

"You know these things happen in all sports, at all levels. They're a good team but clearly yesterday Canada were the better team — by a long way."

Asked about a possible mercy rule, Adams said: "It's an interesting idea. I'm not sure it would have been good last night. I enjoyed watching the game."

This is the first appearance in an Olympic Games for Slovakia's women's hockey team. Ranked No. 11 in the world heading into Vancouver, Saturday's game was the first time they'd faced Canada.

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Team Canada's Caroline Ouellette talks to Slovakian goaltender Zuzana Tomcikova after Canada's 18-0 victory over Slovakia during Game 2 of women's Group A hockey on Saturday.

The Slovak women have never qualified for the world A championship that features the top 10 countries in the world.

Canada has more than 85,000 registered females playing hockey.

According to the International Ice Hockey Federation website, Slovakia has less than 500.

But Renee Smith-Valade, VANOC's vice-president of communications, said the Slovak women "had a great game."

The previous Olympic record was 16-0, when Canada beat Italy in its opening game at the 2006 Turin Games.

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The ice was 'pretty much perfect'

CURLING There is one great equalizer in the sport of curling that allows bad teams a chance — albeit a faint one — to bring the good teams down to their level.

The quality of ice has been a boon to less experienced teams at international events for decades and a bane, most notably, to Canadians.

For the 2010 Games, Canadian icemakers used the particular expertise developed from years of handling major championships to produce an ice surface for the Games that's probably the best since curling became an official Olympic sport 12 years ago. "I think it was pretty much perfect." said Britain's David Murdoch after his first ice test at the Vancouver Olympic/Paralympic Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FieldofPlay

Scott Russell

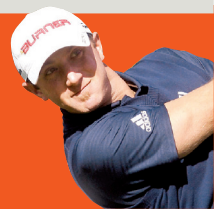
It's go time at Whistler, and Scott Russell is there. Read his column at metronews.ca.

Bartoli, Schiavone win in Dubai

Eleventh-seeded Marion Bartoli of France and 14th-seeded Francesca Schiavone of Italy won first-round matches at the Dubai Tennis Championship yesterday. Bartoli routed Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 6-0 of Russia, and Schiavone beat Romania's Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 7-5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Johnson repeats at Pebble Beach



Dustin Johnson, right, is the first player to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in consecutive years, making a short birdie putt on the final hole for a one-shot victory over David Duval and J.B. Holmes. Johnson closed with a 2-over 74, the highest final round by a Pebble champion since Johnny Miller in 1994. Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot a 73 to finish 13 shots back.

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McMurray wins Daytona 500

NASCAR Jamie McMurray has won the Daytona 500, holding off a hard-charging Dale Earnhardt Jr. over a wild, two-lap sprint to the finish of NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

Jamie McMurray

The race was stopped twice and delayed for more than two hours because of a pothole at Daytona International Speedway, and the setback nearly derailed the race. NASCAR struggled to patch the hole, and drivers knew the pavement could tear at any time after the final repair.

It meant they had to race hard the final 80 miles, and did they ever.

Earnhardt drove from 10th to second over the final two laps, but was unable to chase down McMurray, who won his fourth career Sprint Cup race.

"When I saw the 88 behind me, I thought, 'Oh no.' He had a good car and I just thought — Earnhardt and Daytona, they win all the time it just seems like," McMurray said. "You never know what to expect."

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Nashville 4 Pittsburgh 3 (SO)
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Philadelphia 6 Montreal 2
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Buffalo 3 San Jose 1
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Guards still on duty

Veterans Nash, Billups, Kidd among NBA's best

The NBA all-star game is often a matter of style over substance, with dunks and no defence and showmanship trumping all.

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West all-star Steve Nash, right, and Tim Duncan greet fans at the NBA all-star game last night in Arlington, Texas.

But amid all the hype and flash last night, amid all the hoopla of the biggest crowd to ever witness an NBA game and the accompanying excesses, were three 30-somethings striking a blow for slow and steady and just getting a job done.

Steve Nash of the Phoenix Suns, Chauncey Billups of the Denver Nuggets and Jason Kidd of the Dallas Mavericks, all point guards known more for their brains than for how high the jump or how fast they run, were centre stage for the Western Conference.

And while Billups and Kidd were injury replacements for Chris Paul and Kobe Bryant, respectively, it's not as if their inclusion in the game was a lifetime achievement award.

Nash, who turned 36 a week ago, leads the NBA in assists at 11.1 per game and is playing at as high a level as he was in back-to-back Most Valuable Player seasons.

Billups, the baby of the group at 34 years old, has settled the Denver Nuggets down and made them what many think is a team more than capable of challenging the Los Angeles Lakers in the West.

And Kidd, also 36, drives the re-made Dallas Mavericks and is seen as one of the greatest to ever play his position.

"You put in the hard work because you love to play and love being part of the team and I think those guys exemplify that," Nash said of Billups and Kidd. "They have a great desire to play the game and it helps that they are good at it, too." Nash works tirelessly in the off-season to be able to withstand the rigors of a long year and he's more durable now than he's been for years.

"To be able to play at 36 now and to be able to be effective out there, I think really comes down to the fact I love to play, I love to be part of a team and I'm committed," said Nash. "And I work really hard at it, I make a lot of sacrifices to be able to play at this level and I think you need to do that because as you get in your late 30s, dare I say, you have to make a lot of sacrifices."

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Crystal Palace held Aston Villa to a 2-2 draw in the FA Cup yesterday to earn a rematch for the cash-strapped second-tier club, which is searching for a buyer. Premier League rivals Tottenham and Bolton will also have to play their fifth-round match again after drawing 1-1. The winner will play Fulham, which advanced with a 4-0 victory over fourth-tier Notts County.

GOLF Fred Couples earned his first Champions Tour victory yesterday, overcoming a record-tying round by Tommy Armour III to win the ACE Group Classic. Couples, who had a five-shot lead at one point, had to make a five-foot birdie putt on No. 17 and a tap-in par on the final hole for his first victory since the 2003 Shell Houston Open.

TENNIS Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic won their second straight ABN Amro doubles title yesterday. The pair defeated Australian Paul Hanley and Simon Aspelin of Sweden 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (10-7 match tiebreak).

SAILING Larry Ellison's space-age trimaran BMW Oracle won back the America's Cup for the United States by speeding across the Mediterranean to rout two-time defending champion Alinghi of Switzerland for a two-race sweep.

HOCKEY The Maple Leafs have added another ex-Calgary Flame to their roster. Toronto claimed forward Jamie Lundmark off waivers from the Flames on Saturday. The 29-year-old played in 21 games with Calgary this season, registering four goals and five assists.

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Private-sector investment in research at Canadian colleges balloons

Private-sector investment in applied and industry-driven research at Canadian colleges, institutes, polytechnics, CEGEPs, and university colleges grew ten-fold over the last three years, from $4 million to $45 million, according to a report. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Students rack up $10k in false alarms

In 2009, the University of Victoria paid nearly $10,000 in fines because too many false alarms were pulled in school residences. Despite students being evicted from campus housing when caught, the problem continues and puts a strain on resources. Close to half the fines levied by the local fire department for excessive false alarms come from uVic residences. On some nights, fire crews have been called up to nine times to the residences. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The science behind food

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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The first time Winnie Chiu went on a date with her future husband, she nearly wrecked the mood.

"These are cultivated blueberries," she said over the romantic dessert, and went on to explain to him how wild berries are much smaller and less uniform in shape.

Years later, he's used to being sent back to the grocery store, having bought French vanilla ice cream when she asked for natural vanilla bean. "Go and buy it yourself," he often says.

Chui, now 46, was passionate about food long before it became her job. But it was only after the Hong Kong native finished a degree in biochemistry and microbiology at the University of Westminster in the U.K. that she figured out how to blend her science skills with a job in food.

Winnie Chiu has spent her life around food.

After her degree, she heard about a masters in food science at the University of London and thought it would suit her perfectly.

Back in Hong Kong, Chiu got her first job at flavour company. She spent her days in the kitchen experimenting with natural and artificial flavours in ice cream, muffins, pop and gum.

When the Hong Kong Polytechnic University decided to add a food science program, they asked Chiu to help create the curriculum.

But in 1992, Chiu and her father decided to immigrate to Canada because of the impending changeover of power in Hong Kong, and the fact that the food industry is much larger here.

Chiu once again got a job for a flavour company, working on ice cream, frozen yogurt and other treats, and later worked for another company making prepared foods.

At her jobs, she spent her days taking recipes developers and chefs and making them suitable for mass production. That meant establishing precise measurements for things like salt, sugar and flavour, so the food was the same when the recipe was scaled up.

The Lowdown

Job title: Food scientist
Salary: $40,000 to $150,000
Education/training: Undergraduate or graduate degree in food science
Best Part of the Job: "To be able to see a product you helped develop on the store shelves."
Worst Part of the Job: "When you have a great idea and it just doesn't work."

Chiu would do a lot of tasting throughout the day. So she'd make a dozen or more prototypes of the recipe, taste the results, and move onto another food product later to avoid burning out her taste buds.

When she wasn't cooking and tasting, she was taking meticulous notes on measurements and food costs.

Chiu worked in the food industry in Canada for eight years. In 2005, she got hired by George Brown College to work with culinary and students and teach them how to integrate food science into great cooking.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Workology in brief

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY WANTS YOU TO GET CLOSER last week, Saint Mary's University launched a multimedia recruitment campaign which centers around student ID cards. The campaign features SMU students in a number of settings, and in each instance the individual's student ID card is superimposed over his or her actual face.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS AT NIPISSING MENTOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS As part of the Aboriginal Student Links project, Aboriginal students at Nipissing University in North Bay, Ont., will visit local high schools on a weekly basis to meet with First Nation, Inuit, and Métis students, encouraging them to complete high school and go on to PSE.

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Murphy's last movie

Brittany Murphy's final film will be released this summer. The actress — who died from cardiac arrest in December at age 32 — filmed psychological horror thriller Abandoned last June. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

The Ref

Madonna is putting her trouble marital history to good use, as she's agreed to sit in as a judge on an episode of Jerry Seinfeld's new series, The Marriage Ref, according to People. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Dion movie takes fans backstage

Celine Dion's new movie, Celine: Through the Eyes of the World, does more than highlight her performances during her last world tour; it also allows fans rare glimpses of her offstage life.

The documentary shows Dion as a goofy jokester, a doting mother, a tender wife, a wide-eyed tourist, a devoted daughter and more. The cameras tag along for intimate moments the superstar is happy to share with fans.

"I want to be kind of accessible. I don't want to be doing this show business and be different," said Dion — who took off a year after the tour — in a recent interview.

"What we do, it's extravagant, it's extraordinary ... I don't call it a normal life but we are normal people. For people to see we live as normal as possible ... makes my singing even more true and it gives me an extra bond with my fans."

Dion is working on new albums in English and French, and returns next year to Las Vegas for a three-year residency at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace.

Q Why did you decide to take fans behind the scenes instead of doing a straight concert film?

A First of all, it was not supposed to be shown. We wanted to make the best out of a privilege of touring the world; having my mother, who is 82 years old, and my son, who is seven years old, and to make it really like a photo album, to bring back home memories ... It was for a souvenir, really. But then it turned out to be ... quite exquisite.

Q You left your previous residency in Vegas after five years, needing a break. Then you went on tour. What made you go back to Vegas?

A They've been calling us to go back a lot, and don't forget that I still love what I do a lot. I wonder how can I surpass myself and do something different again. Well, we still have a lot of ideas coming.

Q You have spoken openly about your struggle to have another child. Do you think speaking out makes you a voice for other women with similar issues?

A In a way, yes, I hope so ... For me, through my songs, through my life, through my battles, through my hopes, it's a way for me to sing my songs better, to share my life, to help some people.

Q You were part of the We Are the World sequel. What was that like?

A Well for me, it was extraordinary. I don't live in show business, so for me when I see artists, I get very excited because I admire them. I don't follow what's out there ... So when I see the Jonas brothers and Miley Cyrus and Josh Groban and Barbra Streisand, ... I'm very impressed. I admired their careers and I admire what they do and I become a fan ... It was like, does it get any better than that? Quincy Jones, Lionel Richie, everybody (laughs). I was so impressed!

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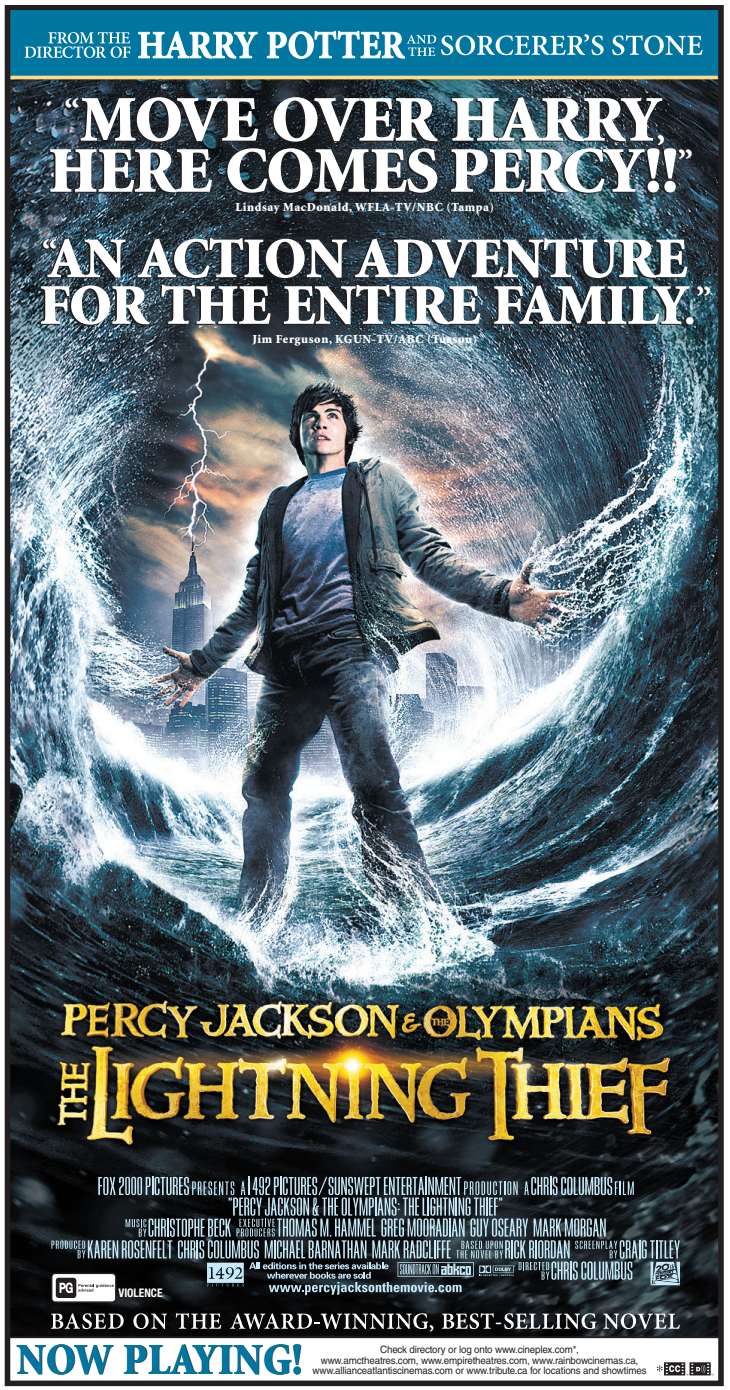
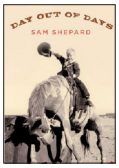


Smith denied flight

Kevin Smith is not a happy Southwest customer. The director was allegedly thrown off a flight from Oakland to Burbank, after being deemed too fat to fly. POPEATER.COM

Shepard's West side tales



Days out of **Days**

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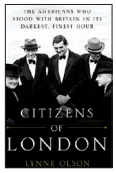

Citizens of **London**

Author: Lynne Olson
Publisher: Bond Street Books
Price: $34.95 (Hardcover)

The **Postmistress**

Author: Sarah Blake
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BookPicks

SHANIA TWAIN songs played on repeat plague a man trapped in a Cracker Barrel restaurant, two old friends revive their shared past of drug-fueled debauchery, and a family can't leave its turmoil-ridden Minnesota life behind on a southbound vacation in actor and writer Sam Shepard's latest collection, Day out of Days. The tales within are told through short stories, poems, songs and other brief narrative forms, all charting the lives, experiences and musings of people in the American West. Shepard mixes surrealism and imagination with reality for a snapshot of the country.

AMERICAN AUTHOR and reporter Lynne Olson follows her war compendiums A Question of Honor and Troublesome Young Men with Citizens of London, a historical exploration of how the United States and Britain joined forces during the Second World War. Olson zeroes in on three players with links to government, business and media who helped bind ties: American journalist Edward R. Murrow and U.S. federal politicians Averell Harriman and John Gilbert Winant. The account traces their public lives and private ties, particularly to Winston Churchill's family.

THE REALITIES of war are interpreted both on the front line, and the protected home base in Sarah Blake's The Postmistress. Set in early 1940s, the novel takes the vantage points of three loosely related women, all affected by the Second World War. First, there's Frankie, the London-based American radio correspondent and first woman in the field who urges to show Americans war's truth. Listening to her addresses is Iris, a Massachusetts mail carrier who assumes the role of secret-bearer for her town. And lastly Emma, whose husband goes to war after hearing Frankie's enlistment pleas.

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Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday, Feb. 12 through Sunday, Feb. 14 at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to The Associated Press:

1. **Valentine's Day:** $52.4 million US
2. **Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief:** $31.1 million
3. **The Wolfman:** $30.6 million
4. **Avatar:** $22 million
5. **Dear John:** $15.3 million
6. **The Tooth Fairy:** $5.6 million
7. **From Paris With Love:** $4.7 million
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10. **When in Rome:** $3.4 million

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	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	18 to Life	Little Mosque	Winnipeg Comedy		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law and Order		The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love (HDTV) (N)				Dark Blue		News
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news	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)		Life Unexpected (N)		PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Law & Order: Special Victims		WBZ News (N)	'70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	The Office
	298	653	332	TLA	The Tyra Show (N)		According-Jim	Family Guy	KTLA News	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	One Tree Hill
	502	390	26	NW	Connect Today's biggest stories. (N)				CBC News: The National		Secret World of Shoplifting		National
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	417	406	81	SC	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	SuperCars	SuperCars	Barrett-Jackson		Barrett-Jackson		Car Crazy
family	551	542	25	YTV	(6) *Are We Done Yet?*		Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	I'm in the Band	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Supernanny		*Nanny McPhee* ★★ (2005, Comedy) Emma Thompson.				Love It or List It		Confidential
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	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Unthinkable* (2007, Suspense) Michelle Forbes.				Bones (HDTV)		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	Riverdance: Today's Stars		Celtic Woman: Songs-Heart		The Story Behind the Notes		Journey Justin Hines		Law & Order
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	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
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A rocker and a Russian

Ronnie Wood spent the night with ex-girlfriend Katia Ivanova last week, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Rolling Stones guitarist may have rekindled his romance with the Russian beauty — who split with him in December. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

McSpeedy gets off

USING THAT STAR POWER FOR GOOD ... WELL, HIS GOOD, ANYWAY Patrick Dempsey has his stint on hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy to thank for escaping a speeding ticket on Thursday — after a star-struck police officer recognized the actor and let him go, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Dempsey, who races professionally in his spare time, admits he finds it "really hard to go slow" on the streets after being behind the wheel of his race cars.

His need for speed landed him in trouble in Los Angeles on Thursday morning, when he was pulled over for driving too fast. But Dempsey managed to charm his way out of getting a ticket when the female officer recognized the TV hunk — and he's publicly thanked her for the kind act.

"I got pulled over. The door opens and it's a female cop. Her name is Vanessa," he said.

"She's a wonderful officer, by the way — I asked (her name). She was with her partner, who's a middle-aged man with a moustache looking very grumpy. I'm just (thinking), 'I hope she watches the show ...' She goes back (to the police car) and I look in the rearview mirror and they're giggling. She comes back and goes, 'I can't give you a ticket.' I've got to thank the Sheriff's Department."

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MJ's kids are kicking it

SANS FACE MASKS AND HOTEL ROOM BALCONIES While Dr. Conrad Murray's arrest for the death of Michael Jackson is certain to pose another emotional time for the pop superstar's surviving family members, his three children have been dealing with their grief with the help of a close-knit family and something new to them — a sense of normalcy, people.com reports.

"They're doing great, thanks to the love and support they've gotten," Adam Streisand, an attorney for their grandmother and guardian Katherine Jackson, told the magazine.

A sentiment seconded by longtime family friend Kathy Hilton, "They're getting along and they have an incredible family."

Since their father's death last summer, the children have been living at Katherine's Encino, Calif., estate with cousins and other relatives, growing in maturity and confidence as they play with friends and go on outings — now without wearing masks and free of the chaos that once followed their father.

"With the kids running around the house, laughing, playing, they've given each other a lot of joy," says Streisand.

The children go to karate lessons, the library and church. And even though Katherine may be strict (Prince and Paris had to go behind her back to attend the New Moon premiere last November, says a source), she is also giving them room to grow.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Raising Courteney's Coco

JUST ADD HOT MILK AND A TOUCH OF SUGAR Courteney Cox-Arquette expects her daughter will become an actress, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The former Friends star — who has a five-year-old girl, Coco, with husband David Arquette — said her daughter is an "unstoppable" drama queen, but she she doesn't want her to get into acting too quickly.

"I am most grateful for my daughter Coco. That kid is unstoppable! She's very confident and funny," she says. "She's so dramatic already. She laughs hard. She pouts hard. She cries hard. She loves hard ... It would be no surprise to me if she went into acting"

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Nothing says love like olives

HE'S GETTING A GOLD MARTINI SHAKER FOR HIS BIRTHDAY Angelina Jolie reportedly celebrated Valentine's Day by giving Brad Pitt quite the unique gift — a 200-year-old olive tree that cost $18,500 US, according to the Sun.

Jolie "bought it from a nursery called the English Garden Centre in Valbonne, near their house," a source tells the paper.

"It's a very special tree and cost her a fortune."

The couple reportedly plan to plant the olive tree on their $60 million estate in the south of France.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Pattinson's puppy love

NO, LIKE AN ACTUAL PUPPY Robert Pattinson only has one real love in his life, and it isn't Twilight co-star Kristen Stewart.

"The only emotional connection of relevance is with my dog," he tells Details magazine.

"My relationship with my dog, it's ridiculous."

For the new issue of the magazine, Pattinson endured a grueling photo shoot surrounded by naked women.

"It was a 12-hour shoot, so you kind of get the picture that these women are going to stay naked after, like, five or six hours," he says.

"But I wasn't exactly prepared. I had no idea what to say to these girls. Thank God I was hung over."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Tila Tequila takes a tumble

PUTTING THE 'DRAMA' IN 'DRAMA QUEEN' Tila Tequila was rushed to the hospital after a fall in her home resulted in a concussion. The MTV star, also an avid Twitter user, chronicled the entire ordeal, first posting that she had "slammed my head into the wall and heard the back of my skull crack. There's a dent in it now."

She then alluded the death of Natasha Richardson from a head injury as reason to call an ambulance.

"Ambulance on the way to my house," she posted.

"I could have a brain concussion and die in a few hours." She was released from the hospital the next night.

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NICK JONAS is looking on the bright side, **KATY PERRY** appreciates the work of Prince, Bollywood star **SHAH RUKH KHAN** wants to apologize for his earlier movies, and **KATHY GRIFFIN** is distracting Olympic athletes.

@nickjonas Bumber- I didn't play gold very well today. I had fun though, and that's what matters.

@katyperry Prince makes you feel sexy.

@iamsrk i promise will only make wonderful films from now on forever. all the ones that missed the mark & didnt please u.

@kathygriffin Just got a text frm Johnny Weir. VERY A List that he got back 2 me during the Olympics! Hope he has an ambien 1 nighter w Bode Mille

METRO WORLD NEWS

Music blasts from CBGBs

SURROUNDED BY EMBELLISHED CHUCKS AND LEATHER JACKETS Guns 'n' Roses singer Axl Rose wasn't intimidated by a crowd of fashion world A-listers when his band played a private show for New York Fashion Week at John Varvatos' East Village store — formerly rock club CBGBs.

Rose showed up three hours late for the performance, leaving the VIP crowd waiting until 1 a.m., according to the New York Post.

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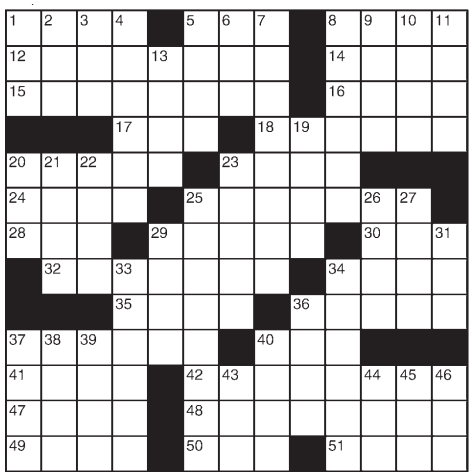

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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2	3	6	9	4	5	8	1	7
5	8	1	2	6	7	9	4	3
3	1	8	6	7	2	5	9	4
4	7	5	8	3	9	1	6	2
9	6	2	1	5	4	3	7	8

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Classic Crab Cakes

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) canned crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed
2 cups (500 ml) soft bread crumbs
1 egg, beaten
3/4 cup (175 ml) mayonnaise
1/3 cup (75 ml) each chopped celery, green pepper and onion
1 tbsp (15 ml) seafood seasoning
1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh parsley
2 tsp (10 ml) lemon juice
1 tsp (5 ml) Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp (5 ml) prepared mustard
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) hot pepper sauce
Lemon slices

METHOD:

1. In large bowl, combine crab, bread crumbs, egg, mayonnaise, vegetables and seasonings.
2. Shape into eight patties. Broil patties or cook in oiled skillet 4 minutes per side or until golden brown. Serve with lemon and green salad.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If someone is making a lot of noise it is most likely because they have a lot to hide. Don't be intimidated by their aggressive attitude.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't push yourself too hard today. This is one of those occasions when you will gain more by doing less.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A positive aspect between Venus and Pluto means you are more than ready to take up some kind of challenge.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Just because someone disagrees with you does not mean you have to be enemies. Few things in life are totally black or white.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do you really know the truth about a certain situation? And will those around you agree with your analysis and follow the path you suggest?

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may have a lot on your plate at the moment but there is no reason why you cannot enjoy yourself as well.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone who knows they can trust you in a crisis will ask you to get them out of a difficult situation today and, of course, you will do what you can.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You know what you want and you know where to get it, so why are you still standing there as if you are rooted to the spot?

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to send a message today, the kind of message that leaves no one in any doubt that you know what you are doing. Be bold and be brave.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't stay at home on your own. Get out into the world and show everyone what you can do.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You don't have to do everything yourself. No matter the task you are working on there are people in your immediate neighborhood who can assist you.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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